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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Geology

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

**Conference Room B, Cannon Building** 

MINUTES APPROVED: APPROVED December 7, 2007

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steven M. Smailer, President, Professional Member William Schenck, Vice-President, Professional Member Kim McKenna, Secretary, Professional Member Dana Long, Public Member Stephen Williams, Professional Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Myer, Administrative Specialist II

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amos Aiken, Public Member

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Smailer called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 5, 2007 board meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

## <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

#### Newsletter Samples

The board reviewed newsletters from the Board of Land Surveyors and the Board of Architects for use with their own newsletter. The Board identified sections that they would like included in a

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newsletter, specifically- President's Message, Continuing Education, ASBOG Updates and Welcome New Licensees. Additional topics may be added to the newsletter. A tentative publication date is July, 2008. Mr. Smailer will write the President's Message, Mr. Schenck will write the ASBOG Update and Ms. McKenna will write the Continuing Education Section. The Board would like to have a rough draft of sections by the February 2008 meeting.

While discussing the newsletter, Ms. Reardon handed out a draft of the Board's Strategic Plan. After a review and discussion the Board has decided to place Strategic Planning as a standing agenda item for all future Board meetings. They have requested that the Board Administrative Specialist create folder specific for Strategic Planning so they have everything in one place.

## Update on October ASBOG Annual Meeting

Mr. Schenck attended the ASBOG annual meeting in October. He presented the Board with a report of the notes he made while at the meeting. He detailed three areas of the meeting, First, the ASBOG Foundation was changed from a non-profit entity to a for profit entity. This will allow the Foundation to accept donations and increase their funding. Secondly, the ASBOG website is creating an Administrative Bulletin Board. This will be a question and answer section for Members Only. Thirdly, there is a website company that will print seal embossers and it was realized that the official seal for the Board of Geology was not available for download. The Board of Nebraska has barred it's image from being available to the general public at its website. The Delaware Board is questioning if they should also have their imaged barred from view.

The Board then discussed that they would like to revise the current seal image. Section 3.0 of the Rules and Regulations states that the seal shall be of the design shown but there is no design included. Once the Board decides on the official seal, it will be added to the Rules and Regulations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Application for Licensure through Reciprocity

The board amended its agenda to delete the application of Scott Mundell who was approved at the November Board Meeting.

## Review of Application for Continuing Education

Ms. McKenna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer to approve the following continuing education as listed. The motion was unanimously carried.

Sponsor: NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education

Activity: Innovative Technologies for Site Remediation

Date: December 14, 2007

Hours: 6.5 hours

Ms. McKenna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck to approve the following continuing education as listed. The motion was unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

Activity: Protocol for Use of Five Passive Samplers

Date: November 29, 2007

Hours: 2.25 hours

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Sponsor: Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

Activity: Vapor Intrusion Pathway: A Practical Guideline

Date: December 4, 2007

Hours: 2.25 hours

# Applications for New Licensure

Mr. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna to approve the licensure application of Andrew Owens. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smailer to approve the licensure application of Ethan Weikel. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board discussed a situation where a person spoke in a public forum challenging a geological mapping project. The person speaking was not a geologist. The Board questioned whether the person could be held in violation of the Geology Statute for unlicensed practice. Ms. Reardon suggested that without more facts it did not seem to be a matter for the Board.

Mr. Schenck reported that he contacted the Pennsylvania Geology Board with regards to the Delaware Board generating a letter that students in PA could apply to DE to sit for the exam. Mr. Schenck stated that he specifically asked if PA would object to allowing DE to generate this letter to all PA Colleges and Universities who have Earth Science Departments. The PA Board has no objections and encouraged us to contact the various colleges and universities. Mr. Schenck will write a memo to be placed in the DE Strategic Planning File.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2007 at 10:00 am in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schenck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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